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In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A closure casing comprising:

two co-operating closure members having half-shell structures and having cable entry ports and defining an enclosed space between the closure members when in a juxtaposed closed position;

a clamp that holds the closure members together in the closed position;

wherein the clamp comprises at least one over-centre or toggle clamp mechanism, a first part of which passes through openings in the closure members which are aligned when the closure members are in the closed position, and engages a face of one of the closure members remote from a second part of the toggle clamp mechanism, which second part is turnable between a clamped position in which tension is applied to the first part and a release position; and

wherein a pivotal interconnection of the second part of the toggle clamp mechanism to the first part of the toggle clamp mechanism has a rotational midpoint spaced further from an engagement point of the toggle clamp mechanism with the face of one of the closure members than on either side of the rotational midpoint.

2. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the closure members has a resilient element engageable by said toggle clamp mechanism and operable to apply a resilient resistance to hold the clamp mechanism in the clamped position when the toggle clamp mechanism is moved to the clamped position against a resistance exerted by the resilient element.

3. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to claim 2 wherein the resilient element comprises a laminar resilient strip overlying a surface portion of the casing.

4. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to claim 3 wherein said closure members comprise co-operating half shells having respective flanges around perimetral rims thereof, which rims are brought together when the casing is closed, and

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wherein said resilient element comprises a strip and/or stringer lying along the length of at least one of the flanges.

5. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to claim 4, wherein the flanges have a cavity therein adjacent the openings in the closure members across which said resilient strip spans.

6. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to Claim 1, wherein the first part of the toggle clamp mechanism has a transverse projection configured to engage the face of the closure member remote from the second part of the toggle clamp mechanism.

7. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to Claim 6 wherein there are a plurality of openings in the flanges of the closure members and a plurality of toggle clamp mechanisms spaced around at least part of a periphery of the closure members.

8. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to claim 6, wherein said transverse projection comprises a hooked end of the first part configured to engage said face of the closure member remote from the second part of the clamp mechanism.

9. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to Claim 1 wherein said second part of the toggle clamp mechanism comprises a body portion having two parallel flanges with respective aligned openings or cavities for receiving respective pivot pins of the first part such that the first part is located between the two parallel flanges, and an operating tab and/or lever that lies substantially parallel to a surface of one of the co-operating closure members when the toggle clamp mechanism is in the clamped position.

10. (Currently Amended) A closure casing ~~according to claim 9~~, comprising:

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two co-operating closure members having half-shell structures and having cable entry ports and defining an enclosed space between the closure members when in a juxtaposed closed position;

a clamp that holds the closure members together in the closed position;

wherein the clamp comprises at least one over-centre or toggle clamp mechanism, a first part of which passes through openings in the closure members which are aligned when the closure members are in the closed position, and engages a face of one of the closure members remote from a second part of the toggle clamp mechanism, which second part is turnable between a clamped position in which tension is applied to the first part and a release position;

wherein said second part of the toggle clamp mechanism comprises a body portion having two parallel flanges with respective aligned openings or cavities for receiving respective pivot pins of the first part such that the first part is located between the two parallel flanges, and an operating tab and/or lever that lies substantially parallel to a surface of one of the co-operating closure members when the toggle clamp mechanism is in the clamped position; and

wherein said body portion of the second part of the toggle clamp mechanism has a face extending generally transversely of the operating tab and/or lever and serving as a release member against which is applied a force to release the toggle clamp mechanism from the clamped position.

11. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to Claim 1 wherein there are a plurality of toggle clamps spaced along at least part of a perimeter of the casing and further comprising a sealing member located inwardly of the toggle clamps that seal the interior volume of the casing in the clamped position.

12. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to Claim 1, further comprising means to resist release of the toggle clamp mechanism.

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13. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to claim 12, wherein the means to resist release of the toggle clamp mechanism acts to resist movement of the second part of the toggle clamp mechanism from its clamped to its release position.

14. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to claim 12 wherein the means to resist release of the toggle clamp mechanism resists withdrawal of the first part through the openings in the closure members.

15. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to Claim 14, wherein the means to resist release of the toggle clamp mechanism comprises at least one aperture in a member of the toggle clamp mechanism engageable by cooperating removable obstruction means for obstructing removal of the toggle clamp mechanism from the openings.

16. (Currently Amended) A closure casing according to ~~Claim 15~~, comprising:
two co-operating closure members having half-shell structures and having cable entry ports and defining an enclosed space between the closure members when in a juxtaposed closed position;

a clamp that holds the closure members together in the closed position;
wherein the clamp comprises at least one over-centre or toggle clamp mechanism, a first part of which passes through openings in the closure members which are aligned when the closure members are in the closed position, and engages a face of one of the closure members remote from a second part of the toggle clamp mechanism, which second part is turnable between a clamped position in which tension is applied to the first part and a release position;

wherein at least one of the closure members has a resilient element engageable by said toggle clamp mechanism and operable to apply a resilient resistance to hold the clamp mechanism in the clamped position when the toggle clamp mechanism is moved to the clamped position against a resistance exerted by the resilient element; and

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wherein said at least one resilient element is relatively displaceable with respect to an adjacent one of the closure members so as to reduce the effective dimensions of the openings through which the first part of the toggle clamp mechanism passes whereby to obstruct withdrawal thereof.

17. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to claim 16 wherein said resilient element is retained in a channel which allows longitudinal movement of the resilient element.

18. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to claim 17, wherein said channel includes at least a part which is not rectilinear so as to apply stress to the resilient element when the channel and resilient element are in a juxtaposed position.

19. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to Claim 1, wherein the toggle clamp mechanism has means for engagement by a tool whereby to assist in turning the second part of the toggle clamp mechanism.

20. (Previously Presented) A closure casing according to claim 19, wherein said means for engagement by a tool comprises at least one cavity in the second part of the toggle clamp mechanism.

21. (Previously Presented) The closure of Claim 1 wherein the first part of the toggle clamp mechanism comprises a generally rectilinear element.

22. (Previously Presented) The closure of Claim 21 wherein the first part of the toggle clamp mechanism is substantially flat.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~The closure of Claim 1~~ A closure casing comprising:

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two co-operating closure members having half-shell structures and having cable entry ports and defining an enclosed space between the closure members when in a juxtaposed closed position;

a clamp that holds the closure members together in the closed position;

wherein the clamp comprises at least one over-centre or toggle clamp mechanism, a first part of which passes through openings in the closure members which are aligned when the closure members are in the closed position, and engages a face of one of the closure members remote from a second part of the toggle clamp mechanism, which second part is turnable between a clamped position in which tension is applied to the first part and a release position; and

wherein the first part of the toggle clamp mechanism comprises an elongate rod having a T-shaped end.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Currently Amended) ~~The closure of Claim 1~~ A closure casing comprising:
two co-operating closure members having half-shell structures and having cable entry ports and defining an enclosed space between the closure members when in a juxtaposed closed position;

a clamp that holds the closure members together in the closed position;

wherein the clamp comprises at least one over-centre or toggle clamp mechanism, a first part of which passes through openings in the closure members which are aligned when the closure members are in the closed position, and engages a face of one of the closure members remote from a second part of the toggle clamp mechanism, which second part is turnable between a clamped position in which tension is applied to the first part and a release position; and

wherein the clamp does not project beyond an outline defined by the closure members in the closed position or the release position.

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26. (Previously Presented) The closure of Claim 1 wherein at least one toggle clamp mechanism is positioned on an end of the closure members having the cable entry ports.

27. (Previously Presented) The closure of Claim 2 wherein the toggle clamp mechanism contacts the resilient element.